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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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RUSSELL J. HARDING, Director

REPLY TO:

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE DIVISION
KNAPPS CENTRE
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LANSING MI 48909-7928

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October 20, 1995

Dear Community Resident:

In June of this year, at a public meeting held in Bronson, I estimated that we would have a proposed remedial action (cleanup) plan for the North Bronson Industrial Area Superfund site in September. Unfortunately, this has not yet happened for two reasons.

First, the Michigan Legislature passed a new law with new rules to oversee the cleanup of environmental contamination sites. The new law, Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended uses different cleanup standards for hazardous waste sites than the one it replaced (Michigan Environmental Response Act). Therefore, before choosing a proposed plan for cleanup, we must first evaluate the impact of the new law on the North Bronson site.

Second, we have asked the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reconsider the Superfund site description to include the industrial sewer used to send waste to the lagoons. Currently the site includes two sets of waste lagoons, and County Drain #30. However, we believe that the industrial sewer is a major source of contamination in the industrial area.

Usually, the most effective way to address a large area of contamination is to separate and treat major sources of contamination in the site area. We believe the sewer is a major source of contamination. Therefore, the proposed plan should include the industrial sewer in the cleanup plan. If we do not include the industrial sewer, we may not be selecting the most effective way to clean up the site.

To address this concern, we have asked the EPA to give us federal money to examine the industrial sewer situation. If we find it to be a major source of contamination, we would add the industrial sewer in the overall cleanup plan for the site.

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After we look at the impact of the Part 201 amendments on the site, and when the EPA responds to our request for changes to the site definition, we will announce a new schedule for developing the proposed cleanup plan. The proposed plan will then contain the new law and, if the EPA agrees with our recommendation, the industrial sewer.

After announcing the proposed cleanup plan, we will provide at least 30 days for the public to comment. During the comment period, we will also arrange a public meeting in Bronson to talk about the proposed plan with the community. If the community wants more time for comments, we can extend the comment period beyond 30 days.

We appreciate your interest and concern about the site, and thank you for your attention.

Please call me at the number below if you have any questions about the North Bronson Industrial Area Superfund site or any part of this letter.

Sincerely,

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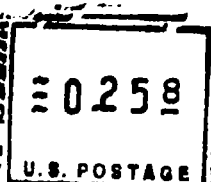
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